

REMARKS

The amendments made to the specification in the parent application have been brought forward into the instant application. In addition, claim 5 has been amended to correct an obvious error wherein "the rotational speed of said pre-thickener is such as ..." should have read "the rotational speed of said cleaning member is such as ..." (see page 13, lines 10-13 of the specification for support). The rotating screw is the cleaning member.

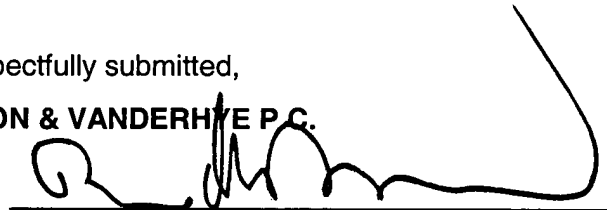
In addition an appropriate cross reference to the parent application has been inserted and an Abstract of Disclosure is being added.

Entry of the amendments herein presented is requested and an action based on the merits thereof is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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